**Missing of Punjab armed police river rafting team in USA**

3253. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether six members of Punjab Armed Police (PAP) river rafting team who went to USA are missing since long;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to seek the help of US Government to trace these missing PAP personnel; and

(c) whether it is the first such instance which has happened or such similar incidents happened earlier also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from our Mission/Posts in the USA and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Cut in UNO contribution by Japan**

3254. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Japan has decided to curtail its current contribution to UNO because of the opposition from US and China to bid by G-4 Brazil, Germany, Japan and India, being considered for permanent membership of Security Council; and

(b) if so, whether any such type of implicit diplomatic demeanour is also being thought of by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) India is not aware of any decision on the part of Japan to curtail their current contribution to the United Nations. However, during the current session of the United Nations General Assembly, Japan has raised the issue of contributions.

(b) India is a founder member of the United Nations and has always met her contribution obligations to the United Nations as assessed.

**Assistance to earthquake victims of Pakistan**

†3255. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has provided a large quantity of material as assistance to Pakistan for the earthquake victims;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) in what manner it would be ensured that this material do not fall in the hands of terrorists; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The official earthquake assistance sent so far to Pakistan is about 1300 tonnes of relief material. The relief material included tents, sleeping bags, blankets, essential medicines and medical equipment including injections such as Pethidine for pain and X-ray machines, food items and CGI sheets. India has also opened five crossing points on the Line of Control (LoC) for the movement of people and relief material. Government have announced an official assistance of $ 25 million which is available to Pakistan for sourcing supplies of building material such as cement, steel and other items from India, as also the technology available in India for prefabricated earthquake resistant shelters. The assistance is also available for building homes and rehabilitating people, reconstructing infrastructure and restoring essential services. Government have also expressed their willingness to take up some rehabilitation and reconstruction projects identified by the Government of Pakistan, specially rebuilding schools and hospitals, as a part of this assistance. A number of private agencies have also sent relief material with Government approval.

(b) All relief material sent by the Government has been handed over directly to the Government of Pakistan for providing to the victims of the earthquake.

(c) Following is a tabulation of the relief material sent by Government so far according to available information.

**Relief Material sent by 3 trains and 1 aircraft**

| Sl. No. | Items | Quantity |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Snow tents | 80 |
| 2. | Snow Sleeping Bags | 200 |
| 3. | Kapok Sleeping Bags | 15,000 |
| 4. | Blankets | 25,520 |
| 5. | Tents TEFs 4M | 1950 |
| 6. | Tents TEFs 2M | 170 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 7. | Medicines | 30 Tons |
| 8. | Plastic Sheets | 11,500 |
| 9. | Life Straws | 20,000 |
| 10. | FRP Sheets | 30,000 |
| 11. | Injections Ceftriaxone 1 Gm. | 10,000 |
| 12. | Injections Velasef | 10,000 |
| 13. | Injections Pethidine | 10,000 |
| 14. | Haemacel | 10 |
| 15. | Portable X-Ray Machines 60 MA | 10 |
| 16. | Automatic Film Processors | 10 |
| 17. | X-Ray Film Cassettes | 1900 packets of 50 each |

**Total Cost = Rs. 20.61 crores**

**Relief Material sent across Line of Control**

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Tents | 820 |
| 2. | Rice | 1801.91 Qtls. and 80 Bags |
| 3. | Sugar | 233.5 Qtls. And 5 Bags |
| 4. | Atta | 1134 Qtls. |
| 5. | Blankets | 5500 |
| 6. | Medicines | One Truck load, 5 boxes, 1 Pack and Cartons Worth Rs. 60,000/- |
| 7. | Kitchen sets | 965 |
| 8. | Bleaching powder | 4.5 Qtls. |
| 9. | Biscuits | 6 Cartons and 130 Packs |
| 10. | Tarpaulins | 3100 |
| 11. | Ration Bags | 3626 (each containing 1 Kg Rice, 2 Kgs Atta, 1 Kg Sugar, 2 Kgs Pulses, 1 Kg Milk Power, 1 Kg Salt, 1 bundle candles, 1 bundle match box, 1 packet Tea) |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 12. | Sheerans | 500 |
| 13. | Mattress | 156 |
| 14. | CGI Sheets | 1788 MTs. |
| 15. | Clothes | 8 cartons |
| 16. | Towels | 300 |
| 17. | Refined Oil | 10440 Ltrs. |
| 18. | Water | 2880 Ltrs. |
| 19. | Salt | 12 Qtls. |
| 20. | Pipes | 400 |

**Indian sentenced in Saudi Arabia**

3256. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian nationals are facing various charges and sentences in Saudi Arabia as on today;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Indian National from Kerala are facing the sentence of "left eye to be scooped out";

(c) if so, the details including the steps taken to save the citizen from the above sentence, if any; and

(d) the number of Indian nationals in the jails of Saudi Arabia and action taken to examine their cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes.

(b) According to media reports, Mr. Abdul Lateef Naushad, an Indian national has been sentenced by a Saudi Court that his eye should be removed due to an incident involving him and a Saudi citizen in which the latter lost his eyesight.

(c) Details of the case, as per media reports and a petition received from Mr. Naushad's wife, are that on 1 April 2003, a Saudi national, Mr. Naif Al-Otaibi, came to buy a battery charger from the Delta Petrol Station